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Our Case No. 9366/8001

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In re Application of:

Junichi Umehara

Serial No.: 09/804,883

Filing Date: March 13, 2001

For: Direct Electronic Purchase of Online
Information

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) Examiner: To be assigned
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) Group Art Unit No.: 2161
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A6 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

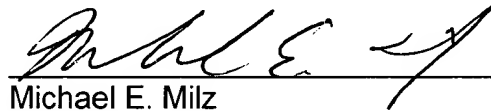
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patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicant does not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that these references make Applicant's invention obvious.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 09/804,883	CASE NO. 9366-8001
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE March 13, 2001	GROUP ART UNIT 2161
(use several sheets if necessary)	APPLICANT(S): Junichi Umehara	

REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	3,718,906	02/1973	Lightner		
	A2	3,990,710	11/1976	Hughes		
	A3	5,633,839	05/1997	Alexander et al.		
	A4	5,734,719	03/1998	Tsevdos et al.		
	A5	5,949,688	09/1999	Montoya et al.		

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	A6	99/21186	04/1999	WO		X

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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.



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Title of Invention Direct Electronic Purchase of Online Information			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; 6 Cited References; Return Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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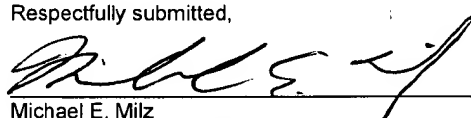
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x 42=			x \$84=	
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